

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 Sep 63		2. LOCATION Eastern Kansas		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1200 GMT 08/1300Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE straight flight	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright obj broke in two by dark horizontal line. From a/c at high altitude. Bright sun. Obj appeared to be pacing plane at lower altitude. Silver body, brilliant without wings. (Sighting by DH Menzel)				11. COMMENTS A/C. Double line caused by reflection between double panes of window. Actual two reflections. Reflection dimmed gradually until outline of wings could be seen.	

UFO SIGHTING BY DHM

September 8, 1963

From a jet plane flying at an altitude of about 30,000 feet over eastern Kansas, September 8, 1963, I saw a remarkable and realistic UFO, quite unlike any that I had previously noted. I was seated on the northern side of the plane. The time was around noon, local time, and the sun was shining very brightly at that altitude. I suddenly became aware of a bright object, broken in two by a horizontal dark line. It closely resembled the Saturn-shaped saucers frequently reported. It seemed to be pacing our plane at a distance of several miles and at an appreciably lower altitude. I almost immediately recognized it for what it later proved to be, though its physical appearance was certainly very different. It was indeed a jet plane, the silver body brilliantly illuminated. There was no trace of wings.

The double line was a reflection effect between the double windows and I was actually seeing two reflections, themselves very bright, separated by a region in between that seemed dark by comparison. It did give the effect of a single Saturn-shaped ship following along. While I was trying to confirm this by detection of the plane itself, to my amazement a second similar apparition came flying by at an enormous speed in the opposite direction. It was, of course, a jet and the relative speeds of the plane were about a mile in three seconds. Another jet, of course. The saucer-shaped illusion continued for at least ten minutes. And then, with gradual changing illumination or something, the brightness of the reflection which must have been concentrated rather sharply toward our plane, diminished and I could then see the form of the plane itself. You will recall that these windows are truly double with a considerable air spacing between them. This gives rise to the multiple effect. I could not help but think of the Chesapeake Bay Case in this connection and again keep wondering if you could not build up a reflection from outside in some such fashion by repeated reflection between the double windows. I do not know, however, whether there are actual double windows in the DC4 and if the spacing of them would give rise to such reflections.